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A short Account of all the most considerable News, *Foreign* and *Domestic*.

Edinburgh, Tuesday January 7, 1724.

From the Evening Post, Jan. 2.

Since our last arrived 1 *Mail from Flanders.*

Schaffhause, Dec. 19.

WE are informed by Letters from Millan, dated the 16th Instant, That by Fire which broke out in the Palace of that Place, the Office of the Secretary of *War*, and other Apartments were reduced to Ashes, but that by the Diligence of the Governour, many Papers belonging to the same were saved.

They write from Florence, That the Great Duke of Tuscany has dispatched an Express to his Plenipotentiary at Cambray, with new Instructions relalating to the Investiture of his Dominions.

Vienna, Dec. 22. Two Days ago, a great Conference was held at the House of Count Sinzendorff high Chancellor, about sending back to Cambray the original Acts of Investiture for the States of Italy, pursuant to the Quapruple Alliance, the Minutes of which were lately approved by France, G. Britain and Spain. His Imperial Majesty has presented the King of Prussia with several Men of a prodigious Size. This Court will send no Ministers either to Paris or the Hague, before the Congress of Cambray is brought to a Conclusion.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 117. S. S. Annuities 101, 1 qr. Bank 128. India 138, 1 half. African 26, 1 half. York Buildings 13, 1 q.

From

From the Evening Poſt.

Madrid, December 21. On the 19th Inſtant, which was the Anniverſary of the Birth of the King, when his Majeſty entred the 41ſt Year of his Age, the Princes, Infants, Grandees, and Miniſters, repaired to St. Hildefonſo, and paid their Compliments to his Majeſty on that Account. Don Antonio Alvarez de Bourgnez has been appointed Civil and Military Governour of the City of Cadiz:

London, December 31.

From on Board the Carolina Yacht off the North Foreland, Saturday 28th December, at Three in the Afternoon,

YEſterday about Noon the King embarked on this Yacht at Helvoetſluys, and dined on Board about 2 a Clock, the Tide favoured, but we had only ſmall Breezes to the S. E: However we got as far as the Goree, and might have gone on and got over the Hinder; but we caſt Anchor to wait for a ſtronger *Wind*, that our larger Men of *War*, the Colcheſter and Leopard might get over the Bar, we lay ſo till Eight, when his Majeſty to loſe no more Time, gave Orders fot our weighing Anchor, and a Gun was fired from this Yacht, on which Signal the Reſt weighed likewiſe, and we came away without our great Ships; Sir John Norris hoiſting his Flag on Board the Port-mahon: Having a freſh Gale at S. E. we got Sight of the Land about Two this Afternoon: The *Wind* is come to the S. *W.* which makes us move but heavily, yet there is no doubt of our getting into Margate Road to Night. *We* have had a very fine Paſſage after our long waiting.

On Chriſtmaſs Day Mr. *George Wilſon*, who was in Cuſtody of one of the King's Meſſengers, on Account of the late Conſpiracy, was invited by the Maid to Dinner, her Maſter being gone to Hanover after he had eaten plentifully he went up Stairs as the Maid thought to his Chamber, but went no further than one pair of Stairs, from whence he made his Eſcape. The next Morning early, viz. Thurſday, the Meſſenger returned, and asked whether his Priſoner was ſafe, he was anſwered in the Affirmative, but going up Stairs to his Room unlocked it, but found he was gone.

Paris, January 4. On the 2d Inſtant in the Morning, the Infanta Queen, by Order of her Phyſician was blooded. That ſame Day in the Afternoon, the Small Pox came out upon her, that obliged the King to go and lye that Night at Trianon, from whence his Majeſty will go to the Caſtle of Marli, and reſide there 40 Days.

From the Flying Poſt.

Hamburgh, Dec. 28. The laſt Advices from Hanover confirm that the Prime Miniſter there is diſgraced, That a great Change is made among the other Miniſters; and that the King of Great Britain, before he ſet out for England, appointed a Committee of Inquiry into their Management.

From

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Vienna, Decem. 22. The Emperor's Act of Inveſtiture in favour of the Prince Don Carlos of Spain, will be immediately diſpatched to Cambray. The Hereditary Prince of Lorain arrived here the 20th Inſt.

Cambray, Decem. 31. The Count de Rottemburg is arrived here from Paris, in Quality of 2d Plenipotentiary of France. The Acts of the Inveſtiture of the Eſtates of Tuſcany, Parma and Placentia, in favour of the Prince Don Carlos of Spain, are daily expected here from Vienna, at the Coming of which, 'tis not doubted the Congreſs will be opened.

Conſtantinople, Decem. 27. We have heard nothing for theſe 8 Days paſt of the Ruſſian Reſident, who 'tis believed has retired privately, on Apprehenſions of a Rupture.

We expect ſhortly to hear of ſome conſiderable Action in Perſia, ſince 'tis certain the Seraskier Baſha has Orders, if the Ruſſians do not abandon their Conqueſts, to endeavour to diſlodge them by Force of Arms.

Our Preparations for War are continued as well by Sea as by Land, and are in ſuch Forwardneſs, that 'tis believed Hoſtilities will begin on all Sides againſt the Ruſſians by the latter End of March. Mean-time the Sultan is ſending a ſolemn Embaſſy to Vienna, to eſtabliſh the preſent Friendſhip with the Roman Emperor.

Stockholm, Decem. 22. 'Tis ſaid the Subſidy granted by the States of Sweden to the Duke of Holſtein, amounts to 72 000 Crowns *per Annum*. The King and Queen are returned hither, and the 20th the Council aſſembled about the Affair of the Arreſting our Miniſter at Berlin. According to a new Regulation which has been made touching the Mines, all the Copper and Iron they produce is to be tranſported to the Warehouſes in the Capital, inſtead of being laid up near the Mines.

Bern, Dec. 23. The Bull of Accommodation of Cardinal Alberoni's Affair is to be publiſhed at Rome, the 3d of next Month, after which he is to receive the Cardinal's Cap.

Hague, Jan. 6. 'Tis ſaid, the Secretary of Baron Bentinrider, the Imperial Plenipotentiary at Cambray, is returned with the Original Act of Inveſtiture of Tuſcany, Parma and Placentia, in favour of the Infant Don Carlos, ſigned by the Emperor; and that the Congreſs will be opened this Week or next, and that it is like to have a ſpeedy and good Iſſue.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Jan. 2.

Hamburgh, Dec. 28. The Imperial Miniſter, Count Metſhech has received Orders to go forthwith to Heildeſheim, as Imperial Commiſſioner, to promote the Election of a new Biſhop, in favour of the Elector of Cologne. The ſame Miniſter has likewiſe Inſtructions to declare to the Duke of Holſtein Retſwich, that in caſe he cannot produce ſtronger Arguments and Proofs to ſupport his Pretenſions to the Dutchy of *Ploen* than he has done hitherto, he muſt not longer flatter himſelf with Hopes of that Succeſſion.

Vienna, Dec. 15. The 13th Inſtant being the Birth-day of the Arch Dutcheſs Maria Elizabeth, who was born in 1670, was celebrated at Court with the uſual Solemnities. Early Yeſterday Morning ſtrict Search was made throughout this City and its Suburbs for apprehending of Vagabonds, the Gates being kept ſhut during that time: The Search had ſo good Succeſs, that moſt of the ſuſpected and looſe Perſons were diſcovered and taken up; by which good Method, this City and its Suburbs will be cleared by Degrees, of all idle and miſchievous Vagabonds; the like Courſe having been ſucceſsfully practiſed in Flanders, where ſeveral thouſands have been taken up and ſet to Work.

Wey's

Wye's Letter verbatim, *London, Jan.* 22, 1724.

WE have an Account of the following Loſſes by Sea, *viz.* The Arabella, from New England, with Fiſh, for Oporto; but the Men were ſaved.

By another Ship, The Chriſtiana and Anne, from Udwal, for London, near Arundel in Norway, And the Eleonor, from Roterdam, for Dublin, on the Coaſt of Wales.

They write from Deal, That Captain Woodlock, who commanded the Ally from Waterford, reports, That he came from Calais the 27th Paſt, where his Ship was loſt the 11th of the ſame Month in the hard Storm; and that the Sunday before he met the Fortune, Capt. Kelly, from Waterford, whoſe Ship immediately foundred, but he ſaved all his Men; and when the Ally was loſt, both his and Captain Kelly's Men had the good Fortune to be ſaved.

There is an Account from Maryland, That one Capt. Reade is arrived from London in Poltoxin River; That he was taken by a Pyrate Sloop off the Capes of Virginia, and plundred by her.

They write from Paris, That Abuſes having been committed in the Uſe of Licences granted by Admirals, the King's Declaration is publiſhed, which requires, That no Licence ſhall be granted, if the Captain, Maſter or Mate, together with all the Officers and Sailors, are not Frenchmen, and actually dwell in that Kingdom: Forbids the Regiſtring of falſe Liſts, under the Penalty of the Galleys: And ſtrictly Prohibites the Officers of the Admiralties of Provence and Languedoc, to deliver any Licence of the Admiral's to Foreigners Naturalized, whether it be to Command their own Ships, or others, under what Pretence, or for what Voyage ſoever.

Advices from Genoa relate, That the Spaniſh Privateer formerly mentioned having brought his French Prize into Porto Ferajo was ſeized there by Order of the Grand Duke, and of the Agent of Spain at Florence; and the Frenſh Veſſel was releaſed. Theſe from Leghorn ſay, That a Corſair of Barbary having been lately caſt away by a Tempeſt on the Coaſt of the Iſland of Pouza, where ſhe was ſtaved to Pieces: The Crew conſiſting of 122 Barbarians, have entrenched themſelves in a Part of that Iſland with their Artillery, in order to defend themſelves againſt any that ſhall come to attack them, by which Means they hope to obtain a Capitulation.

By 5 Iriſh Mails arrived this Day, we have an Addreſs of Thanks of the Houſe of Commons of that Kingdom to his Majeſty, for his moſt gracious Anſwer relating to the Patent granted for coining Halfpence and Farthings; and that his Majeſty's Intention may not be obſtructed by the Patentees, attempting to import and utter the ſaid Halfpence, they beſeech him to give Directions to the Officers of the Receipt of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, that they do not on any Pretence whatſoever receive or uttter ſuch Half-pence, as the moſt effectual Means to prevent their Currency, and ſatisfy the Minds of the People.

Amongſt the Ornaments of the new Church in the Strand, which was conſecrated yeſterday, there is a rich and magnificent Pulpit Cloth, Part of Purple Velvet, and part of Gold Brocade, which was the Canopy of the late Biſhop of London, while he was Plenipotentiary at Utrecht; and was given to the Paris by his Lady. The famous Mrs. James gave likewiſe a fine Sett of Communion Plate gilt, and a Crimſon Velvet Cloth for the Communion Table of great Value.

'Tis diſcourſed, That the Bank of England will advance Money to the Government on the Credit of the Land, and Malt Taxes for the Year enſuing, at the Rate of 3 *per Cent.* This Afternoon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs went to St. James's, to congratulate the King on his ſafe Arival: His Majeſty received them very graciouſly; and was pleaſed to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Felix Feaſt Eſq. one of the Sheriffs.

They write from Oxford, That the Reverend Dr. Baker Biſhop of Bangor has reſign'd the Wardenſhip of Wadham College; and that Mr. Thiſtlewark Rector of Winterſlow near Salisbury, was unanimouſly choſen in his Lordſhip's Room.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

THAT the Lands and Barony of *Thornydikes*, lying within the Parochine of *Woolſtruther*, and Sheriffdom of *Berwick*, is to be expoſed, to Sale by a publick voluntary Roup, in *February* next upon the Day and in the Place hereafter to be notified the Rental whereof, is wholly in Money, and extends to 2393 *L.* 13 s. 4 d. beſides Kain, and the Service of winning of Peats by the Tenants, who are bound to leave Steel-bow-Straw. The Lands hold of the Sovereign Taxtward, the Duties are pretty eaſy, the Rental may be conſiderably improved; there is no Stipend paid to the Miniſter, the Tiends being valued at 108 *L.* yearly, payable to a Tackſman; and the Heritor near 30 Years ſince, obtain'd Decreet of Sale. The School-Maſter's Fee is 8 *L. Scots*, and the Ceſs is 13 *L.* 7 s. *per* Month. The Lands are furniſhed with a commodious ſclated Manſion-Houſe and good Office-Houſes, with a Garden, and two Graſs-Yards not to be rented. It lies a Mile from the Paroch Church, 15 Miles from *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, on the *Eaſt*, 12 Miles from *Caldſtream*, and 9 Miles from *Kelſo* on the *South*, 3 Miles from the Burgh of *Lawder* on the *Weſt*; and 7 Miles from the Town of *Dunce* on the *North-Eaſt*. The Perſon concerned in the Roup (who is to be found in the *Laigh-Coffee-Houſe* in *Edinburgh*) will ſatisfy any Buyer concerning the Progreſs of Rights, the Rental of each Farm, with the Conditions of Sale, *&c.*

☞ There was ſtolen ſome time ago, a fine black Velvet plain Scarf, lined with black Manto Silk, with a fine black Velvet Hood belonging thereto. Any Perſon or Perſons, that can give notice thereof, ſo as the ſame may be got back, to *John Blair* at *John's* Coffee-Houſe, ſhall have two Guineas Reward; and no Queſtions asked.

That

THat the Lands of Wallace Craigie, lying at the Eaſt-port of Dundee, within the Parochine thereof, and Sheriffdom of Forfar, holding Taxtward of the Crown, being 1030 Merks of free Rent, as they were laſt ſet in Tack, with the Manſion-Houſe, conſiſting of Dining Room, 3 Bed Rooms, 2 Cloſets, and 2 large Garrets, with Kitchin, Brew-houſe, Waſhing-houſe, two Barns, Stables, Loft and Oxen Byer, &c. all well ſtated, with a convenient Garden, incloſed with a good Stone Dike, and a good Quantity of barren Planting likewiſe incloſed, are to be expoſed to public voluntary Roup and Sale, in the Houſe of Ms. Kid in Dundee, on the 21ſt. Day of January 1724, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 3 in the Afternoon; the Progreſs of Writs and Condition of Sale are to be ſeen in the Hands of Sir Alexander Wedderburn of Blackneſs, or David Brisbane Writer in Dundee.

IT being reſolved at the laſt general Meeting of the Creditors of Mr. David Watſon, to lead an Adjudication of his real Eſtate, and that the Summonds ſhould be raiſed and execute againſt the 20th of January Inſtant, that the Creditors may not ſuffer by any further Delay, theſe are to advertiſe ſuch of the ſaids Creditors as have not yet given in their Grounds of Debt to Alexander Chriſty, Agent for the Creditors, to give in the ſame, betwixt and the 15th Inſtant, with Certification if they fail they will not afterwards be received.

Alexander Chriſty.

†‡† *Theſe are to advertiſe, That the annual general Meeting of the Friendly Contributers of* Edinburgh, *is to be held on* Monday *the* 13th. *of* January *Inſt. at* 3 *a-Clock Afternoon, in* Mary's *Chapel; where all concerned are deſired to be preſent.*

†*† *That the Lands of* Balon, *lying near St.* Andrew's *in* Fife, *paying yearly, after all Deductions,* 15 *Bolls* 1 *Firlot,* 1 *Peck and an half Wheat,* 6 *Chalders* 4 *Bolls* 2 *Firlots,* 2 *Lippies Bear,* 49 *Bolls,* 3 *Firlots* 2 *Lippies Meal, are to be expoſed to Sale by voluntar Roup, on* Thurſday *the* 6th *of* February *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *at* 4 *of the Clock Afternoon. And the Writs and Conditions of Sale are to be ſeen in the Hands of* Alexander Chriſty *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe above* Arthur Reid *Vintner, at any Time before the Roup.*

N. B. For the Encouragement of Purchaſſers, it is thought fit to notice, that the greateſt Part of the Price may ly in their own Hands till they can conveniently pay it.

Alexander Chriſty.

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